

Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association



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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PS Docket No. 07-8; CC Docket No. 94-102; WT Docket Nos. 03-264; 06-150, 06-169 and 96-86; EB Docket No. 06-119.

Chairman Martin:

The members of the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters put their lives on the line every day saving lives and protecting property. In Tennessee, we must respond to emergencies in both urban and rural areas. A nationwide wireless broadband network built to public safety specifications is an indispensable tool in our continuing effort to save lives and protect property. The FCC's planned auction of frequency spectrum in the 700MHz band presents a unique and timely opportunity to join with allied partners, both public and private, to increase the quantity of available frequencies for first responder data communications and provide an opportunity to build a National Public Safety Broadband Network.

On behalf of the members of the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters, I respectfully request your support for a National Public Safety Broadband Network. In seeking FCC support, we respectfully request:

- That 10MHz of the 700MHz band currently scheduled for auction by the FCC under the DTV transition act should be made available under rules that require the winner of the auction to have a binding agreement with Public Safety for its participation in the National Public Safety Broadband Network as a prerequisite to receiving their license.
- That the FCC license Public Safety's 700 MHz spectrum to a stand alone entity consisting of Public Safety leaders who will control the network and ensure it will be built to the standards of reliability and redundancy that Public Safety requires.
- Ensure the build out of the National Public Safety Broadband Network will reach rural and underserved areas. Public Safety – and those we protect – must have access to a “universal” system. Furthermore, Public Safety must have access to a satellite overlay to extend the reach of Public Safety's network to cover areas where a terrestrial build is non-economic and as a back up in times a disasters when existing infrastructures are unavailable.

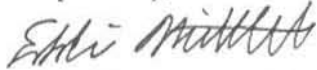
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- The National Public Safety Broadband Network be kept “evergreen” enabling the system to remain competitive on the commercial side and while ensuring the highest level of technology to Public Safety users.

Tennessee’s professional fire fighters ask that the Commission place the interests of public safety and the lives of those we protect before commercial interests. Please enable public safety to build our National Public Safety Broadband Network.

Respectfully,



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